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FACULTY SENATE

Minutes of March 10, 1981

MEMBERS: Carey, Cooper (absent), Hamand, Hockman, Johnson (absent), Knoop, Lasky, Pierson, Preston (absent), Rogers, Smith, Stoner, Sullivan, Thurman, Wood

VISITORS: John Beusch, Lola Burnham (Eastern News)

The meeting opened at 2:05 p.m. The minutes of March 3 were approved with the following corrections: Preston should have been listed in the Members. Jeffrey Lynch's answers to UPC questions were unintentionally omitted (they are included at the end of these minutes).

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Sam Taber to Senate - Mar. 4 - 1982-83 calendar for Fall, Spring, and Summer sessions (turned over to the Student/Faculty Relations Committee)
2. (copy) Wood to Pres. Marvin - Mar. 4 - concerning matters taken up by the Senate on its March 3 meeting with respect to summer school and the Textbook Library
3. (copy) Mitchell Powell, Chair, Communications/Media Board, to Senate - Mar. 5 - position paper on the running of WELH
4. Fred Preston to Senate - Mar. 10 - resolution requesting a public hearing on coal conversion at EIU (for Senate action)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Elections Committee - Dan Hockman raised questions about voting eligibility occasioned by the inadequacy of the print-out lists of faculty both within and outside the bargaining unit. With the help of other Senators, the issues were resolved.
2. Search Committee for A & S Dean - Jerry Sullivan indicated that the committee will soon submit 5 or 6 names to the President and hopes to have two candidates interviewed before the Spring break.
3. Search Committee for Home Economics Dean - Lavern Hamand reported that two candidates have already been interviewed.
4. Executive Committee - Leonard Wood reported on a conversation with the Director of Summer School in which Dr. Switzer raised several difficulties involved in scheduling two 5-week summer sessions. At the Senators' request, Wood will invite Dr. Switzer to a future meeting to go into these matters in fuller detail.

PROGRAM:

John Beusch, Director of the Office of Public Service and Development, reported to the Senate on the funding and purposes of his office and staff. At present, his Office coordinates all non-credit courses, camps, special workshops, conferences, and so on, and works to increase our relations with business and industry by lining up special workshops in these areas. The latter was the primary reason for setting up the office, but such matters as non-credit courses and sports and music camps have taken up an increasing amount of time. Side benefits to the university of these various activities are greater publicity and name-awareness for the university, greater use of faculty expertise (with some financial benefits for faculty involved), more respect for the university from outside groups (resulting perhaps in more support for state funding), some recruitment of future students (either through camps or through non-credit courses), and some additional income for departments and the university (not at the moment however from non-credit courses). With respect to funding, only Beusch's position is funded; other positions have to come out of funds earned as a result of the offices' services to various groups.

Both Beusch and the Senators agreed that more academic control is needed over non-credit courses. At present, courses are sent to various deans for approval, modification, or removal. Beusch would like to see the courses originated in various departments with approval of the departments, chairs, and deans. Some Senators wanted the courses to go through even more steps of the academic approval process. Whatever process is finally adopted would have to apply whether the course is to be taught by an EIU faculty or by a member of the larger community. The Senators were concerned that the courses, though non-credit, reflect on the academic quality of the university and thus should meet our standards.

The Senate lost its quorum at about 3:15 p.m. but continued informally for some minutes more. Wood thanked John Beusch for his informative and frank report.

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Tuesday, March 17, 1981, at 2:00 p.m. in the Martinsville Room of the Union.

Dick Rogers
Faculty Senate Secretary

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1. What is your perception of the role of the UPC under collective bargaining?
2. What conditions would you consider appropriate for granting tenure or promotion on the basis of exception?

JEFFREY P. LYNCH

1. I have served on the UPC for the past two years. Our task, as spelled out in the contract, is straightforward: "... to provide recommendations to the appropriate University Vice President concerning retention, promotion, or tenure of University employees." Primarily the UPC insures that all such faculty are evaluated with scrupulous fairness--i.e., that all such evaluation (by the DPC, Chair, Dean, and UPC) be in accordance with approved Department and University criteria and that it be based solely on these criteria.
2. The decision concerning exceptionality should be determined by individual departments using approved Department and University criteria. The UPC should insure that all such decisions are in accordance with approved Department and University criteria and that they are based solely on these criteria.